responsible for proper and timely implementation. However, wherever specific instances of inrregularitics are reported, the concerned State Governments are expected to take suitable action in the matter.

**Rejuvenating the Indian Navy**

568. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the out-going Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Vijay Singh Shekhawat about the neglect that has set into the maintenance and development of Indian Navy over the past decade;

(b) whether similar remarks regarding the deteriorating conditions of Indian Navy were also made by the earlier Chief of Navy, Admiral Ram Das; if so, the precise remarks made by him; and

(c) Government reaction for rejuvenating the Indian Navy in the context of such remarks towards the goal of a blue water Navy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A number of steps have either been initiatedfere under way to maintain the required force levels.

**Projects under central road fund in Maharashtra**

569. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing projects under Central Road Fund Scheme in Maharashtra as on date with full details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated for each of the projects during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved during the last three years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI T. G. VENKAT-RAMAN): (a) 30 projects involving an amount of Rs. 2038.76 lakhs have been sanctioned in the State of Maharashtra under the Scheme of Central Road Fund, (b) The allocation under Central Road Funds is made State-wise on lumpsum basis and not work-wise/Project-wise depending upon tentative accruals, approved schemes and availability of funds, in addition to demand from States. The year-wise details fo funds allocated is as follows:

| Year | Amount Allocated |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 110.00 Lakhs |
| 1994-95 | 1100.00 Lakhs |
| 1995-96 | 172.00 Lakhs |

f (c) The responsibility for execution of works lies with the concerned State Government.

**SYL Canal Project**

570. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of SYL Canal Project at present;

(b) the bundgetary allocation for the current year for this project; and

(c) whether the work of the project has since been resumed and if not, the reasons for allocating funds for this project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) About 97% of the earthwork, 95% of the lining work and 86% of the structures of the SYL Canal Project were completed when the construction work came to a halt.

(b) The budgetary allocation for 1996-97 for SYL Canal Project is Rs. 8 crores.

(c) The information cannot be disclosed in public interest.